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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Grants to Public Libraries.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 1571-3—Edn. 326-30-4, dated 7th May 1931, sanctioning the budget estimates of the Public Library, Bangalore, based on a reduced grant of Rs. 3,750.

2. Government Order No. E. 852-4—Edn. 340-30-6, dated 24th August 1931, sanctioning the budget estimates of the Public Library, Mysore, based on a reduced grant of Rs. 2,900.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. T1-6151-261 of 30-31, dated 7th November 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction, submitting proposals for the reduction of grants to Libraries.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. 47, dated 25th October 1931, from the Secretary, the Public Library, Bangalore, regarding further reduction of grant to the Library.

5. Correspondence ending with letter No. 556, dated 17th November 1931, from the Honorary Secretary, the Public Library, Mysore, on the same subject.

ORDER NO. E. 2379-82—EDN. 396-30-76, DATED 22ND DECEMBER 1931.

Government are pleased to direct that the grant to the Public Library, Bangalore, which has already been reduced from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 3,750 or by 25 per cent be not further reduced, but that the grant to the Mysore Public Library which has been reduced from Rs. 3,500 to Rs. 2,900 be further reduced to Rs. 2,700 (about 23 per cent). The proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to reduce the grant to the Srinivasamandiram Library and Reading Room from Rs. 630 to Rs. 505 per annum and also to keep unutilised during the current year the lumpsum grant of Rs. 250 per annum sanctioned to the Coronation Library at Chikmagalur, is also approved.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

Abolition of the House Rent Allowance.**READ—**

Government Order No. E. 707-8—Edn. 14-23-22, dated the 20th August 1924, appointing the Head Mistress of the Vani Vilas Institute as General Superintendent of the Hostel attached to the institution with a house rent allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem with effect from 1st July 1924.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 2320-70,—S. & A. 123-31-1, dated the 2nd October 1931, directing *inter alia* that the house rent allowance of Rs. 50 sanctioned in the Government Order read above be reduced to Rs. 30 per mensem.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. A1372-240 of 31-32, dated the 5th November 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction, recommending that the house rent allowance referred to in the Government Orders read above may be abolished; as the Head Mistress is not living near the hostel as was required by the first of the orders and as no other Superintendent or Warden draws an allowance for such supervision.

ORDER No. E. 2462-63—EDN. 137-31-3, DATED 26TH DECEMBER 1931.

Government consider that there is no justification even for the grant of the reduced house rent allowance of Rs. 30 per mensem to the Head Mistress of the Vani Vilas Institute as the hostel is located very near the school (Institute) and the Head Mistress should consider it a part of her duty to supervise the hostel without extra allowance. They accordingly direct that the grant of the allowance be abolished from 1st January 1932.

R. RANGA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,
General Department.*

Reduction of rates of remuneration to Examiners.**READ—**

Letter No. E.2. 2311-51 of 31-32, dated 7th December 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, in the matter of the reduction of rates of fees paid to examiners.

ORDER No. E. 2491-92—EDN. 396-30-78, DATED 30TH DECEMBER 1931.

The Retrenchment Committee suggested a cut of Rs. 10,000 in the provision annually made for the payment of fees to examiners under "26 Education 13 (III) Miscellaneous" by reducing the rates of fees. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted in the matter states that the subject was considered by the several Examination Boards which resolved (1) that the rates of remuneration to examiners should continue to be as they are at present, since they are not capable of permanent reduction, (2) that with a view to reducing expenditure immediately, a reduction of 20 per cent be made on each of the bills for remuneration due to examiners for the examinations of 1932, calculated on the basis of existing rates, the question being again considered in 1932, (3) that no reduction be made in the rates of remuneration paid to the members of the Tabulation and Moderation Board as these rates are themselves hardly commensurate with the work involved.

On the basis of the reduction agreed to by the Examination Boards, the savings that will accrue to Government are estimated at Rs 10,000 which is also the amount of reduction suggested by the Retrenchment Committee. The Director recommends the acceptance of the above proposals. Government are pleased to sanction the recommendation of the Director.

R. RANGA RAO,
*Secretary to Government,
General Department.*